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SUBJECT: GOV REQUESTS PROTECTION FOR VENEZUELAN
INSTALLATIONS IN U.S.

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1. ON JANUARY 3, 1978, FAA SENT A LETTER TO MR. OSCAR BUSTILLO, AREA MANAGER, NORTH AMERICA (MIAMI), FOR VENEZUELAN INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS (VIASA), SUGGESTING A MEETING WITH FAA CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY SERVICE OFFICIALS AT WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS TO DISCUSS SUBJECT REQUEST AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. FAA ADVISED HIM THAT HE WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING SECURITY PROCEDURES TAKEN BY OTHER CARRIERS UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES, PLUS BOMB THREAT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES WHICH COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO VIASA.

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2. A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 20, HAD TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO A SEVERE SNOWSTORM AND WAS RESCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2. ATTENDING WITH MR. BUSTILLO WAS VIASA'S WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE, MR. EDUARDO PINEDA. FAA REGIONAL SECURITY INSPECTORS FAMILIAR WITH VIASA OPERATIONS WITHIN THE U.S. (EXCEPT SAN JUAN,

PUERTO RICO (SJU)), AND STATIONS FROM WHICH VIASA OPERATES TO THE U.S. (CARACAS) WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

3. THE VIASA SECURITY SITUATION AT U.S. AIRPORTS (MIA, APPEARED TO BE TAKEN BY U.S. AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AND VIASA AT THE THREE U.S. AIRPORTS. NO INSPECTION REPORT WAS AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS VIASA OPERATIONS AT SJU WHERE IBERIA AIR LINES (IB) IS THE HANDLING AGENT FOR VIASA.

4. VIASA HAS HIRED ITS OWN SECURITY GUARDS TO PROTECT THEIR OFFICES IN NEW YORK AND MIAMI AND, OF PARTICULAR CONCERN, THEIR OFFICE AT THE MIAMI AIRPORT. MR. BUSTILLO ALSO ADVISED US THAT HE PERSONALLY VISITS THE MIAMI AIRPORT AT OFF-HOURS TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE GUARDS HIRED TO PROTECT THE VIASA OFFICE ARE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES EFFECTIVELY.

5. "BOMB THREAT PLANNING AND SEARCH PROCEDURES, GROUND SECURITY PROGRAM," AN AUDIO/VISUAL PRESENTATION, WAS GIVEN BY AN EXPLOSIVE SECURITY SPECIALIST. VIASA WAS ALSO FURNISHED WITH A COPY OF FAA FORM 1600-53 (5-77) WHICH PROVIDES INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PERSON RECEIVING A BOMB THREAT VIA TELEPHONE. MR. BUSTILLO STATED THAT VIASA PERSONNEL RECEIVING SUCH CALLS ARE FRIGHTENED AND DO NOT SEEM TO BE ABLE TO COPE WELL. PROPERLY USED, THIS AID WILL BE HELPFUL. ADDITIONAL LOCAL CONFIDENTIAL

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GUIDANCE BY FAA SPECIALISTS REGARDING THIS MATTER WAS AGREED.

6. VIASA REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALSO BRIEFED WITH RESPECT TO HIJACK/BOMB/TERRORIST ACTIVITY INFORMATION AND THE MANNER IN WHICH FAA ALERTS U.S. AND FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS, AND THE LIAISON BETWEEN FAA AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON CIVIL AVIATION, ETC.

7. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF FAA AND VIASA ATTENDEES THAT THE MEETING, WHICH HAS TO BE SHORTENED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, WAS PRODUCTIVE AND EFFECTIVE. FAA'S MESSAGE OF CONCERN AND INTEREST IN ASSISTING VIASA WITH ITS SECURITY PROGRAM AND PROBLEMS WAS CONVEYED, AND VIASA WAS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT FAA AS OFTEN AS NEEDED.

8. FYI: MR. BUSTILLO APPEARED TO BE CONSCIENTIOUS AND KNOWLEDGEABLE WITH RESPECT TO SECURITY MATTERS, AND WAS VERY COOPERATIVE.

9. FAA SECURITY INSPECTOR RACH WILL BE PASSING THROUGH

CARACAS DURING MARCH 6-7 AND WILL BE ABLE TO REEVALUATE
CARRIER SECURITY AT THAT TIME. MR. BUSTILLO WAS MADE

AWARE OF THIS PROPOSED VISIT. END FYI.

10. RECENT THREATS BY CORU AGAINST VIASA AS REPORTED
TO FAA BY FBI HAVE BEEN PASSED TO MR. BUSTILLO.

11. INFORMATION, CONCERNING VIASA AT SJU, WAS RECEIVED
SUBSEQUENT TO FAA/VIASA MEETING. INDICATIONS ARE THAT
THERE IS A NEED FOR VIASA TO ENCOURAGE ITS AGENT IB TO
UPGRADE ITS SECURITY PROCEDURES, AWARENESS AND ATTITUDE.
MR. BUSTILLO INFORMED ON THIS MATTER. VANCE

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